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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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PEGGY A. VERICK, RESPONDENT

L59712051ACC

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Peggy A. Verick c/o Marathon County Jail 500 Forest St. Wausau, WI 54403

Accounting Examining Board P.O. Box 8935 Madison WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Peggy A. Verick, C.P.A., (D.O.B. 08/28/58) holds a certificate as a certified public accountant in the state of Wisconsin (certificate #13271). The corresponding license to practice as a certified public accountant was first granted on April 24, 1992, and expired on January 1, 1996.
- 2. Ms. Verick's current address is c/o Marathon County Jail, 500 Forest St., Wausau, WI 54403.

- 3. On or about September 5, 1997, Ms. Verick was convicted of four counts of felony theft, in violation of sec. 943.20(1)(b), Stats. A true and correct copy of the criminal complaint and judgment of conviction in this matter is attached to this document as Exhibit A. Exhibit A is incorporated by reference into this document.
- 4. In resolution of this matter, Ms. Verick consents to the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter, pursuant to sec. 442.12, Stats.
- 2. The Wisconsin Accounting Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached stipulation, pursuant to secs. 227.44(5) and 442.12, Stats.
- 3. The convictions referred to above constitute a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's certificate to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to sec. 442.12(2), Stats. and Wisconsin Administrative Code § Accy 1.401(1) and (2)(b).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Peggy A. Verick shall SURRENDER her Wisconsin certificate as a certified public accountant (certificate #13271).. Ms. Verick shall immediately return all indicia of Wisconsin certification to the Board.

ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD

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A Member of the Board

12-5-91

Date

State vs Peggy A. Verick

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION

Sentence Withheld, Probation Ordered

Date of Birth: 08-28-1958

Case No.: 97CF000459

The Court Jury fo	ound the defendant guilty of the following crime(s):
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Ct.	Crime(s)	Wis Stat. Violated	Plea	Fel. or Misd.	Date(s) Crime Committed
1	Theft-Business Setting (>\$2500)	943.20(1)(b)	Guilty	FC	12-30-1996
2	Theft-Business Setting (>\$2500)	943.20(1)(b)	Guilty	FC	05-21-1996
3	Theft-Business Setting (>\$2500)	943.20(1)(b)	Guilty	FC	03-26-1997
4	Theft-Business Setting (>\$2500)	943.20(1)(b)	Guilty	FC	03-28-1997

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is convicted on 09-05-1997 as found guilty and is sentenced as follows:

Ct.	Sent. Date	Sentence	Length	Concurrent with/Consecutive to/Comments	Agency
1	09-05-1997	Withheld, Probation Ordered	10 YR	prob & conds concur except jail	002
2	09-05-1997	Withheld, Probation Ordered	10 YR		002
3	09-05-1997	Withheld, Probation Ordered	10 YR		002
4	09-05-1997	Withheld, Probation Ordered	10 YR		002

Conditions of Sentence/Probation

Obligations: (Total amounts only)

Fine	Court Costs	Attorney Fees	Restitution	Other	Mandatory Victim/Wit. Surcharge	5% Rest. Surcharge	DNA Anal. Surcharge
	20.00			1000.00	280.00	•	

Conditions

Ct.	Condition Jail Time	Length 1 YR	Agency/Program	Begin Date	Begin Time	Commentson Ct 1 only - to commence at discretion of agent - last 6 mos on electronic monitor
1	Community Service	900 HR				100 hrs per yr - commencing in the 2nd yr of prob

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State vs Peggy A. Verick

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Miscellaneous Conditions:

Ct. 1	Condition Restitution	Agency/Program	Commentsto be paid directly to victim - see clerk's minute sheet as to amount & payment schedule (attached)
1	Costs		these are to be pd before the \$1000 to MC Neighborhood Watch
1	Other fees		to MC Neighborhood Watch - to be pd after loans & usual court costs
1	Work Release / Huber Law		last 6 mos on electronic monitor
1	Psych Treatment		
	AD HIDDED that A days continue or		

IT IS ADJUDGED that 0 days sentence credit are due pursuant to § 973.155 Wisconsin Statutes.

IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff execute this sentence.

Raymond F. Thums, Judge Jill Falstad, District Attorney Richard M Lawson, Defense Attorney BY THE COURT

Circuit Court Judge/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT, BRANCH

MARATHON COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN.

Plaintiff.

VS.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

97CF459

PEGGY A. VERICK

DOB: 8/28/58,

Defendant.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF MARATHON)

Complainant, on information and belief, being first duly sworn on oath says that on or about the 30th day of December, 1996, at the Village of Weston, in said county; the defendant did:

By virtue of her employment, to-wit: as a certified public accountant for Custom Steel, Inc., having possession of a negotiable instrument of another, to-wit: check #17055 of Custom Steel in the amount of \$6,800, intentionally use such instrument without the owner's consent, contrary to her authority and with intent to convert said money to her own use;

Section

943.20 (1) (b)

Penalty

943.20 (3) (c) - Class C felony

939.50 (3) (c)

(fine of not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or both) (continuation attached)

and prays that the defendant be dealt with according to law, that the basis for complainant's charge of such offense is as stated on the attached page.

Còmplainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me and approved for filing on 9-5-97.

Assistant District Attorney

Marathon County, Wisconsin

(District Attorney Bar Code #1012772)

THIS INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE UNIGINAL ON

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DONNA J. SEIDEL Clerk of Courts. Marathon Gounty, W

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AND AS AND FOR A SECOND COUNT:

Did, on or about the 21st day of May, 1996, at the Village of Weston in said county: By virtue of her employment, to-wit: as a certified public accountant for Custom Steel, Inc., having possession of a negotiable instrument of another, to-wit: check #15427 of Custom Steel in the amount of \$5,878.92, intentionally use such instrument without the owner's consent, contrary to her authority and with intent to convert said money to her own use;

Section 943.20 (1) (b)

Penalty 943.20 (3) (c) - Class C felony

939.50 (3) (c)

(fine of not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or both)

AND AS AND FOR A THIRD COUNT:

Did, on or about the 26th day of March, 1997, at the Village of Weston in said county: By virtue of her employment, to-wit: as a certified public accountant for Custom Steel, Inc., having possession of a negotiable instrument of another, to-wit: check #17772 of Custom Steel in the amount of \$4,000, intentionally use such instrument without the owner's consent, contrary to her authority and with intent to convert said money to her own use;

Section 943.20 (1) (b)

Penalty 943.20 (3) (c) - Class C felony

939.50 (3) (c)

(fine of not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or both)

AND AS AND FOR A FOURTH COUNT:

Did, on or about the 28th day of March, 1997, at the Village of Weston in said county: By virtue of her employment, to-wit: as a certified public accountant for Custom Steel, Inc., having possession of a negotiable instrument of another, to-wit: check #17773 of Custom Steel in the amount of \$4,000, intentionally use such instrument without the owner's consent, contrary to her authority and with intent to convert said money to her own use;

Section 943.20 (1) (b)

Penalty 943.20 (3) (c) - Class C felony

939.50 (3) (c)

(fine of not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or both)

The complainant is a law enforcement officer in and for Marathon County, Wisconsin, and the basis of this complaint is a report compiled by Everest Metro Police Detective Meilahn. Complainant further states that he believes the report of the officer to be reliable in that it was prepared by the officer in furtherance of his sworn duties as a member of law enforcement. A copy of Detective Meilahn's report is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

Complainant believes the information provided by Allen Schiller to be reliable in that he reported as a crime victim and in that his information is corroborated by Peggy Verick against her penal interest. A copy of the statement given by Peggy Verick is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth at length.

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

PEGGY A. VERICK, CPA,

RESPONDENT

97 ACC 018

It is hereby stipulated between Peggy A. Verick, personally on her own behalf and Steven M. Gloe, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows that:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into in resolution of the above-referenced proceedings against Ms. Verick's Wisconsin certificate to practice as a certified public accountant. This Stipulation and Order shall be presented directly to the Accounting Examining Board for its approval and adoption.
- 2. Ms. Verick understands that by the signing of this Stipulation she voluntarily and knowingly waives her rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against her, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to call witnesses on her behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify herself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to her under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- Ms. Verick is aware of her right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal advice prior to signing this stipulation.
- Ms. Verick agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Accounting Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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- 6. The parties to this stipulation agree that the attorney for the Division of Enforcement and the member of the Accounting Examining Board assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Accounting Examining Board for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.
- 7. The Division of Enforcement joins Ms. Verick in recommending the Accounting Examining Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Peggy A. Verick, C.P.A.

Date

Steven M. Gloe Attorney

Division of Enforcement

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING BEFORE THE ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Peggy A. Verick,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Respon	dent.	
STATE OF WISCONSIN)	
)	
COUNTY OF DANE)	

- I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:
 - 1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
- 2. On December 9, 1997, I served the Final Decision and Order dated December 5, 1997, LS9712051ACC, upon the Respondent Peggy A. Verick by enclosing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document in an envelope properly stamped and addressed to the above-named Respondent and placing the envelope in the State of Wisconsin mail system to be mailed by the United States Post Office by certified mail. The certified mail receipt number on the envelope is P 221 157 638.
- 3. The address used for mailing the Decision is the address that appears in the records of the Department as the Respondent's last-known address and is:

Peggy A. Verick c/o Marathon County Jail 500 Forest Street Wausau WI 54403

Kate Rotenberg

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 9th day of <u>December</u>, 1997.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My commission is permanent.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF APPEAL

TO: PEGGY A VERICK

You have been issued a Final Decision and Order. For purposes of service the date of mailing of this Final Decision and Order is 12/9/97. Your rights to request a rehearing and/or judicial review are summarized below and set forth fully in the statutes reprinted on the reverse side.

A. REHEARING.

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in section 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The 20 day period commences on the day of personal service or the date of mailing of this decision. The date of mailing of this Final Decision is shown above.

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified below.

A petition for rehearing shall specify in detail the grounds for relief sought and supporting authorities. Rehearing will be granted only on the basis of some material error of law, material error of fact, or new evidence sufficiently strong to reverse or modify the Order which could not have been previously discovered by due diligence. The agency may order a rehearing or enter an order disposing of the petition without a hearing. If the agency does not enter an order disposing of the petition within 30 days of the filing of the petition, the petition shall be deemed to have been denied at the end of the 30 day period.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review.

B. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in section 227.53, Wisconsin Statutes (copy on reverse side). The petition for judicial review must be filed in circuit court where the petitioner resides, except if the petitioner is a non-resident of the state, the proceedings shall be in the circuit court for Dane County. The petition should name as the respondent the Department, Board, Examining Board, or Affiliated Credentialing Board which issued the Final Decision and Order. A copy of the petition for judicial review must also be served upon the respondent at the address listed below.

A petition for judicial review must be served personally or by certified mail on the respondent and filed with the court within 30 days after service of the Final Decision and Order if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing. Courts have held that the right to judicial review of administrative agency decisions is dependent upon strict compliance with the requirements of sec. 227.53 (1) (a), Stats. This statute requires, among other things, that a petition for review be served upon the agency and be filed with the clerk of the circuit court within the applicable thirty day period.

The 30 day period for serving and filing a petition for judicial review commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the Final Decision and Order by the agency, or, if a petition for rehearing has been timely filed, the day after personal service or mailing of a final decision or disposition by the agency of the petition for rehearing, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of a petition for rehearing. The date of mailing of this Final Decision and Order is shown above.

The petition shall state the nature of the petitioner's interest, the facts showing that the petitioner is a person aggrieved by the decision, and the grounds specified in section 227.57, Wisconsin Statutes, upon which the petitioner contends that the decision should be reversed or modified. The petition shall be entitled in the name of the person serving it as Petitioner and the Respondent as described below.

SERVE PETITION FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW ON:

STATE OF WISCONSIN ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD

1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison WI 53708-8935